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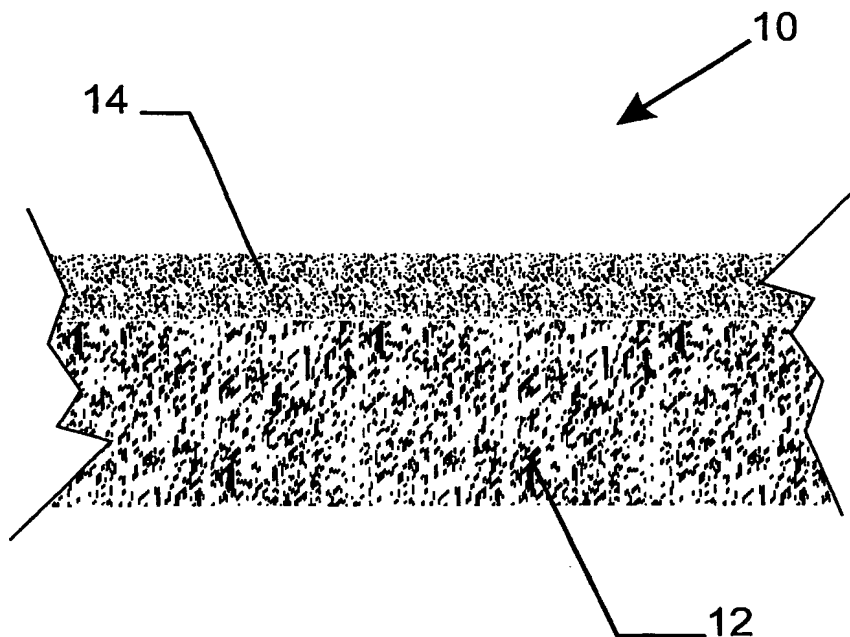
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a layered filter structure, said filter element comprises - a first layer, said first layer compris-  
ing a porous metal layer; - a second layer, said second layer comprising a self-supporting layer of sintered short metal fibers. The  
first and the second layer are sintered together. The layered filter structure is in particular suitable as surface filtration medium, for  
example for the filtration of liquids or gases.

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